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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters *today*,
23 November 2000, *official holiday*.]

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Friday,
24 November 2000.]

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 27 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

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| 10 a.m. | 71st plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
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1. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [39]
 - (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/489, A/55/520)
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.32)
 2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:
 - (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:
 - (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/82, A/55/494, A/55/637*)
 - (ii) Draft resolution (A/55/L.38)
 - (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:
 - (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/90, A/55/92, A/55/123, A/55/124, A/55/125, A/55/212, A/55/317, A/55/319, A/55/333, A/55/347, A/55/415, A/55/416, A/55/418, A/55/620)
 - (ii) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.16, A/55/L.35, A/55/L.36, A/55/L.41)
 - (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/137)

* To be issued.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The sixth session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 27 November to 8 December 2000, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 54/105 of 9 December 1999.

The 14th meeting of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Monday, 27 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 November 2000, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and Observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to Room S-3350 at United Nations Headquarters.

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Wednesday, 29 November to Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 November 2000, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of Films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films entitled "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds". Both films will be shown on Wednesday, 29 November, at 1 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and at the exhibit area, throughout the duration of the exhibit.

The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), established under Security Council resolution 1284 (1999) of 17 December 1999, will hold its third plenary meeting on Monday, 27 November, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, and on Tuesday, 28 and Wednesday, 29 November 2000, at 10 a.m.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and racial discrimination. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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**United Nations Convention to Combat
Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious
Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES*List of speakers*

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received.
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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda items 30 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review) and 50 (Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa) will be held on Monday, 27 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations with interested delegations on a draft resolution on humanitarian assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of the Russian Federation, will be held on Monday, 27 November 2000, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 47 (Assistance in mine action) will be held on Monday, 27 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing their annual Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The workshop to be conducted in English will be held on the following dates : Monday, 27 November from 2.30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 28 November from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 29 November from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 29 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/netherlands>.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 22 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4231st meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Letter dated 21 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1109)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Cuba, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and South Africa, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 22 November 2000 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2000/1107), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, France, Mali, Bangladesh, China, the United Kingdom, Jamaica, Tunisia, Namibia, Argentina, Ukraine, Malaysia and Canada, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

Statements were then made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa, Egypt, Jordan and Cuba.

The representatives of Israel and the Permanent Observer of Palestine made further statements.

4232nd meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/35).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

36th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [94 (d)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.8 and L.37

The Chairman introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.37, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.8.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.37.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.37, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 94 (d).

Environment and sustainable development: implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa [95 (e)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.14 and L.34

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.14.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.34, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.14 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (e).

Additional sponsors

Estonia and Latvia joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4 (item 94 (b)).

FIFTH COMMITTEE

31st meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [126]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, Bangladesh and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be announced at a later date, under the chairmanship of Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the misdirection of Member States' contributions to the UNEP Trust Fund account

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that it take note with appreciation of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the misdirection of Member States' contributions to the UNEP Trust Fund account, contained in document A/55/353.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Other matters

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the Secretary-General would address the Committee on Monday, 27 November, on the reports of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

36th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

Introduction of an action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.17

The representative of Canada introduced and orally amended draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.17.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.17, as orally amended, by a vote of 131 to none, with 2 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Lebanon, Pakistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Statements were made by the United States, Cuba, Israel, the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon, in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 164.

Conclusion of the work of the Sixth Committee

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Mauritania (on behalf of the African States), Slovenia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Germany (on behalf of the Western European and other States) and Kyrgyzstan (on behalf of the Asian States). A statement was also made by the representative of Togo.

The Committee thus concluded its work.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session

48th meeting

Social and human rights questions: human rights [14 (g)]

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

Action on draft decision contained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S-5/5)

The President of the Council reported on the informal consultations held on the draft decision entitled "Grave and massive violations of human rights of the Palestinian people by Israel".

The Director of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

Statements were made by the observers of Israel and Palestine.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the United States and Japan.

The draft decision I was adopted by a recorded vote of 21 to 19, with 11 abstentions.

The representative of Morocco made a statement regarding her vote.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of New Zealand, France (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Canada and India.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of the issue.

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2000

452nd meeting

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee discussed progress made in the establishment of pre-sessional working group on article 22. It also

held a discussion on the situation of the occupied Palestinian territories in the light of article 16 of the Convention and decided to postpone to its next session in May 2001.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations relating to the third periodic report of Canada.

453rd meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee presented its concluding observations on Canada.

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Guatemala (CAT/C/49/Add.2). Representatives of State party replied to the questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

Consideration of information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of these items in closed session.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2000

70th and 71st meetings

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Morocco (E/1990/6/Add.20). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 10 December 1999

Signature: Colombia (22 November 2000)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Global Launch of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-agency Appeals for 2001, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 28 November 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Secretary-General will lead the launch. The speakers will include Ms. Liv Ullmann, Honorary Chair for the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children; H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly; Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM; Ms. Binta Mansaray, Sierra Leone; and Ms. Habiba Dalil, Afghanistan. The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Emergency Relief Coordinator, a.i. The theme of this year's launch is "Women and War".

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